



7 December 2020

New Parent

New Pupil (Year R, 2)

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Monday 7th December 2020

Good Afternoon!

CLASS PROGRESS MEETINGS

Last week Mrs Base and I met with each class teacher in Key Stage 2 to discuss the progress of every child this term. These important discussions ensure that every child's learning needs are identified and the appropriate support and challenge is put in place. This week Mrs Handel and Mrs Alexander/Mrs Ruth will remotely meet with every teacher in Foundation and Key Stage 1.

Following these class discussions, the Senior Leadership Team and the Chair of Governors will review all the information and plan the actions needed for next term eg. monitoring, interventions, resources and training for staff members.

NATIVITY BOOKS

We have received some free books from the local 'Open the Book' group made up of members of Tavistock Churches. The book 'It begins in Bethlehem' is a story rhyme about the Christian festival of Christmas published by the Bible Society. We will give a copy to every child in key stage one later this week but please return or pass on if this story is not for your family.

NEW LIGHTING

In the last two weeks we have had new LED energy efficient lighting fitted across the school - inside and out. This was financed using a government backed loan and we should make immediate energy savings plus enjoy a better learning and working environment for everyone. The installation was complete by Superior Eco Lighting and the fitters, Kyle and Richard provided us with a first class service - thank you.

CHRISTMAS TREE- ST EUSTACHIUS' CHURCH

Our tree was installed in the church by Miss Bullock (and her helpers!) at the end of last week with the accompanying message - 'This year, Tavistock Primary and Nursery school have dedicated their Christmas tree to the theme 'What we have learned from Coronavirus'. Although it has been a challenging year for many, a huge amount of positives have emerged from our time in lockdown, for example: Families have enjoyed quality time together baking, playing board games, going for socially distanced walks on the beach and learning new crafts or hobbies. Meanwhile, during the Italian lockdown, songs were sung to neighbours from balconies and jellyfish returned to the canals of Venice. Alongside this, a huge respect for our key workers, who continue to work tirelessly to help keep our country functioning, was recognised and celebrated by all. As a school we felt all these positives should be acknowledged and we encompassed these ideas within each of our decorations. We are proud to say that every child from Tavistock Primary School created an ornament for our tree and we hope you that have enjoyed our creations.'

Please visit St Eustachius' Church if you can to see all the schools' trees.

DON'T FORGET -

If you are shopping online to go through

[easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easypfundraising.org.uk) 'Tavistock Community Primary HSA'.

Just order via the website or download the mobile App to ensure your donations are made every time at no extra cost to you.

STAFF VACANCIES

Required from January 2021, two permanent Mealtime Assistants to join our team. 1.25 hours per day, Monday to Friday, £9.25 per hour.

Required from January 2021, a temporary After-School Club Playworker. 2.25 hours per day 2.45pm-5.00pm, Monday to Friday, £9.43 per hour.

If you are interested in either or both of these posts please email or phone the office to request an application form.

YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 TRIP TO THEATRE ROYAL

Parentmail - Please make sure you have given permission and made a donation (suggested contribution £10) for your child in Years 1 or 2 to attend a production of 'The Gingerbread Man' at the Theatre Royal in Plymouth on Tuesday 15th December.

GARDEN DAYS - please wear lots of layers, hats and gloves

TOMORROW - Year 5

Thursday 10th December - Year 4

LAPTOPS

We have now received 11 donated laptops following the appeal in the Tavistock

Times and our IT technician is checking and preparing them for use – thank you!

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 9th December a full Christmas lunch (meat/vegetarian) will be available for all children – free for YR, Y1 and Y2, £2.20 for Key Stage 2.

PLEASE NOTE – there are no sandwich/jacket potato options on this day.

Christmas Parties – Please bring party clothes in a bag.

Children will eat their normal packed lunch/dinner and have some party food provided by the school kitchen in the afternoon. Nursery will have Christmas activities and some treats at their sessions throughout the week.

Monday 14 th December	Year 3 – Class 8 and 9
	Year 4 – Class 10 and 11
Tuesday 15 th December	Year 5 – Class 12 and 13
Wednesday 16 th December	Year 2 – Class 6 and 7
	Year 1 – Class 4 and 5
Thursday 17 th December	Year Reception – Class 2 and 3
	Year 6 – Class 14 and 15

Christmas Films – children will watch a Christmas film in class with popcorn and ice cream provided.

COVID-19

We have not been notified of any positive Covid-19 tests within this school.

Please do not come to school if you, your children or direct family members have coronavirus symptoms. Stay at home and follow the procedures for isolation and testing.

Best wishes,
Lynnette Selbie

